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OAPIA NEWSLETTER

WARD 5 Merchant Workshop

Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), along with Ward 5 Neighborhood Services, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Asian Liaison Unit, Korean American Business Association, and Korean American Coalition co-organized an informational workshop for Ward 5 small business owners on Wednesday, September 1, 2004.

The attendees were quite



concerned about shoplifting and theft problems in the neighborhood. They also made a request to MPD regarding additional police patrolling during night time, especially after store hours. In addition, the subject of how to prevent adults from purchasing liquor for minors was brought up for discussion.

Korean interpretation was provided during the workshop. DC agency telephone directories, updated information from MPD, Department of Health, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Alcohol and Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), Department of Public Works were also distributed to the participants.



Given the fact that similar questions and concerns have been raised at similar merchant workshops, OAPIA decided to adopt a project to create information brochures in hopes to answer most of these questions. These informational brochures and the text has been sent off to the translators to be translated in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. OAPIA will start distribution of the brochures in mid-October.

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Synar 214 Grant Press Release

Synar 214 Tobacco Compliance Program press release took place on September 14, 2004 and was covered by Asian media groups. The Synar 214 Tobacco Compli-

ance Program was created to educate the Distract Community to prohibit sales of tobacco products to minors as well as educate minors under the age of 18 on not consuming the tobacco products. The program was named after the late Congressman Mike Synar as a tribute for his excellence

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in public service.

This year, Synar handed out grants to Chinatown Service Center, Asian American Lead, and the Korean American Coalition. The above mentioned community centers are to use the grants to fund various outreach projects concerning the sales of tobacco products to minors.

The Chinatown Service Center used the grant to print and design tee-shirts for



the youth to wear along with Newspaper ads displaying the message. The Asian American

Lead took a similar approach and used the money to create post cards and posters warning youths not to smoke and merchants not to sell tobacco to the younger generation. And the Korean American Collation send out surveys to merchants informing them of the smoking laws and plans to conduct a follow up survey a year later.

FUNDING & RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES



Business and International Education. The Department of Education (DOED) announces funds to enhance international business education programs and to expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, business enterprises, and trade associations/organizations. The deadline for applications is November 9, 2004.

Approximately \$2.217 million is available to fund 28 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$110,000. For further information, contact Tanyelle Richardson at (202) 502-7626 or tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov; or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/ED/HRO/DCMGC/ED-GRANTS-092304-001/Grant.html>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

Healthy Start Initiative-Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Heath Resource Services Administration (HRSA) announces funds to address significant disparities in perinatal health indicators while enhancing a community's ser-

vice system.

This program focuses on disparities among Hispanics, African American, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asia/Pacific Islanders, other immigrant populations, or differences occurring by education, income, disability, or residence in rural/isolated areas. Eligible applicants include public and private entities, and state and local government entities. The deadline for applications is December 12, 2004.



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Approximately \$73.165 million is available for 68 awards of up to \$750,000 each. For further information, contact Beverly Wright at (301) 443-8427 or callcenter@hrsa.gov; or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/HRSA/GAC/HRSA-05-013/Grant.html>. HIV Emergency Relief Project Grants.

The Department of Education (DOED) announces funds to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields. Eligible applicants include public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is November 12, 2004. Approximately \$1.9 million is available to fund 17 awards, ranging from \$55,000-\$160,000. For further information, contact Jose L. Martinez at (202) 502-7635 or jose.martinez@ed.gov; or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/ED/HRO/DCMGC/ED-GRANTS-092304-003/Grant.html>.

Crisis in Charitable Confidence.

The Brookings Insti-



tution has produced a fact sheet on the current state of public confidence in charitable organizations.

The report finds that three years after the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, DC, confidence in charitable organizations continues to languish well below its pre-September 11 levels. Despite hopes that the confidence would rebound with the mere passage of time, the controversies surrounding disbursement of the September 11 relief funds and subsequent nationally visible scandals surrounding the Nature Conservancy and several private foundations appear to have left a durable imprint that has yet to fade. The number of Americans who express little or no confidence in charitable organizations increased significantly between July 2001 and May 2002, and remains virtually unchanged to this day. For further information and to ac-

cess the fact sheet, go to: <http://www.brookings.edu/views/papers/light/20040913.htm>.

Digital Divide and Children.

The Kaiser Family Foundation released a new issue brief - Children, the Digital Divide and Federal Policy. This report shows that important disparities in the quality of access to the Internet continue, even though 96 percent of 8-18 year-old-students report having gone online.



The report also examines current federal policies and policy ideas that could address the new digital divide. For further information, go to: <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/entmedia091604pkg.cfm>.

Announcements & Job Opportunities

Joint Judicial Clerkship Program

Give yourself a career enhancement-- attend the Washington, D.C. Joint Judicial Clerkship Program and learn about judicial clerkships and internships from judges and law clerks.

Come and meet judges from federal and state trial, administrative, and appellate courts and hear their views about the application process and what they look for in clerkship applicants.

Hear judges and law clerks describe the work of their courts and their own experiences.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 , 2004
at HOWARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
2900 Van Ness Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
(Van Ness/UDC Metro Station on the Red Line)
Breakfast provided, courtesy of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld,
L.L.P.
Brown bag lunch provided.

For more information, check out your career service center.

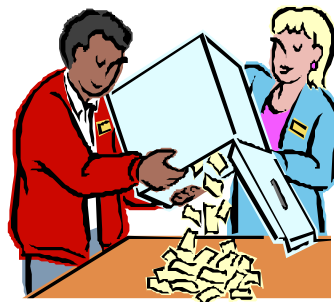
***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ***

Please join us for our last voter registration drive before the election!

Sunday, October 3
Gaithersburg Grand Mart
11am-3pm

(In partnership with Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington)

Mandarin Chinese & Korean translators available
221 Muddy Branch Road, Gaithersburg MD



As you may know, the Get-Out-the-Vote campaign has been an important ongoing initiative for OCA-DC & CCACC in cooperation with APIA VOTE.

We need your help in order to make these drives a success! If you are available to volunteer, please contact Lisa Lee at (work) 240-777-8042 or (cell) 240-418-5388 or email lisalee20874@yahoo.com. Voter registration is among the most powerful and the most symbolic tools in community service and political activism. Thanks for everyone's help and support in encouraging our community to get-out-the-vote!